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In re Application of

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STATUS INQUIRY AND REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT

Mail Stop OIPE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A U.S. National Phase application was filed for the referenced application on September 19, 2006. Since more than sixteen (16) months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said new application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Additionally, it is respectfully requested that the office of the undersigned please be provided with an Official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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